

Today
Christmas Here.
Then the New Year.
Your Short Days?
The Pendulum Swings.
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Drug Victim's
Widow Writes Own Story
of Misery That Ended in
Mate's Suicide—Page 3.

The Weather
Mostly cloudy today;
tomorrow fair; not much
change in temperature.



ARMED OUTBREAK FEARED IN MER ROUGE

FORT MYER GUARD, ATTACKED, KILLS PRISONER; BANKERS INSPIRED GERMAN LOAN PROPAGANDA

NO PROPOSALS MADE TO OR BY U.S., OFFICIALS HERE ASSERT

Spokesman for Government Denies Reports of Hoover Board and Other Rumors

AMERICA WILL NOT ACT

Chancelleries of Old World Are Amazed at Propaganda, as Negotiations Do Not Exist

It can be said with full authority that this Government has made no proposals, directly or indirectly, in the European situation.

The same authority permits the statement that no foreign government or foreign government officials have made proposals to this Government.

The question of a big American loan for Germany is the talk of international bankers. It has not been considered by those who direct the affairs of government.

The suggestion of a United States commission to determine how much Germany can pay is the talk of business interests and not under official consideration.

DENIES EACH POINT.

This official outline of the position of the United States was furnished yesterday to show that published reports from London that Herbert Hoover was to head the reparations commission, together with a series of news stories calculated to embroil the United States in European affairs, are without foundation.

Taking up the published reports in their order the Government spokesman categorically denied each, and pointed out that this Government is still a long way from the eve of an important international move.

AMAZED AT PROPAGANDA.

It was stated that the chancelleries of the old world are amazed at a propaganda which they cannot understand in the face of negotiations or proposals that do not exist.

It was acknowledged that from time to time some private individual suggests a "solution" of

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Youth, Weighing 245 Pounds, Falls Through Window, Dies in Hospital

Falling through a plate glass window while decorating the salesrooms of the Oldsmobile Automobile Company, 1016 Connecticut avenue northwest, last night, Edward T. Keane, twenty years old, son of Michael J. Keane, vice president of the Merchants' National Bank, sustained injuries which resulted in his death shortly before 1 o'clock this morning.

The left leg of the youth, who weighs 245 pounds, was almost severed at the knee by the glass. Rushed to the Emergency Hospital, the arteries of the leg were sewed up to prevent further loss of blood.

Young Keane was a graduate of Central High and Georgetown Prep School.

"Tino" to Visit U.S. Incognito Early in 1923

By Universal Service.
PARIS, Dec. 22.

DESPITE denials, Universal Service is informed on high authority that ex-King Constantine of Greece intends visiting the United States early in the new year.

It is said the former monarch's visit is to be incognito and in no way permanent. While in New York he will be the guest of Princess Christopher of Greece, the former Mrs. William B. Leeds.

D'ANNUNZIO HERMIT TO AID MUSSOLINI

Fears Fiume Followers' Move to Oust Premier and Make Him Dictator.

By C. F. BERTELLI.
Universal Service.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Fearing growth of a movement to oust Premier Mussolini by former Fiume shock troops who hope to place D'Annunzio in the dictator's chair, the warrior poet has gone into seclusion in his villa at the Gardonne Riviera on Lake Garda.

Even his closest friends are unable to see or speak to D'Annunzio. The telephone is disconnected, telegrams and letters are refused and visitors are confronted by a barred gate, guarded by two armed ardit.

D'Annunzio does not even talk to his servants, and a solitary valet, who is reputed to be deaf and dumb, brings the poet's meals.

D'Annunzio's thousands of followers, intensely disliking Mussolini, are known to be fomenting a new Nationalist revolution despite the poet. Since Mussolini's advent to power D'Annunzio has not spoken in public.

Parents' Objections Halt Miss Littauer's Wedding

PARIS, Dec. 22.—It is reported here that the marriage of Miss Louise Littauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Littauer, of Washington, to William Doellner, of California, has been postponed indefinitely owing to parental disapproval.

The Littauers were followed closely upon their arrival in Paris by Doellner, who has been seen with Louise frequently. Mrs. Littauer is ill at their hotel.

The Littauers maintain a Washington residence at 2346 Massachusetts avenue northwest. They also have a home in New York. The house here is closed during the absence of the family in France.

FAILURE TO HALT COST MAN'S LIFE

Convicted Deserter Shot Dead When He Ignores Sentry's Warning.

SELF-DEFENSE CLAIMED

Guard Declares He Slew Albert Nathan When Attacked With Rake.

Albert Nathan, a soldier prisoner at Fort Myer, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by Egon B. Lange, of Troop G, Third Cavalry, who was on guard on the parade ground.

SELF-DEFENSE CLAIMED.

Lange, who was taken into custody immediately following the shooting, claimed self-defense. He declared that the fatal shot was fired when Nathan failed to heed his warning to halt and continued to advance toward him with a rake in his hand.

The shooting occurred shortly before 4 o'clock. Nathan was raking the parade ground when he suddenly left work, it is said, and cursing and abusing the sentry, started toward him. Failing to heed an order to halt, the sentry fired a shot in the air to frighten the prisoner and when the latter continued on, the fatal shot was fired.

The post coroner viewed the body and a board of officers was appointed to investigate the shooting and determine whether Lange should be court-martialed.

Nathan was under sentence to be dishonorably discharged and to serve eight months at hard labor. He was sent to Fort Myer July 13 last following his arrest by Washington police for desertion from Camp Meade. He was from Company K, Twelfth Infantry, Camp Meade. Records give his wife, in Norfolk, Va., as next of kin.

Records at the post show that Lange, who is from Baltimore, has been in the army about eighteen months.

Jailed for 28 Years Will Be Home Xmas

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—William Webber, once sentenced to be hanged, and inmate of the Eastern Penitentiary here for twenty-eight years, will have Christmas dinner with his mother, eighty-six, at Reading, Pa.

His release from the prison, which he entered when thirty, was assured today by the action of the State Board of Pardons.

Webber was convicted of first degree murder for the killing of his father-in-law during a quarrel. The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Irregulars Kill Soldier In Dublin Street Fight

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—A sergeant was killed and one soldier wounded in an attack by irregulars on a patrol in a crowded street in Dublin tonight.

Two women and one man among a crowd of Christmas shoppers were wounded in heavy firing which occurred in other districts of the city.

'Fatty' Entitled To New Chance, Hays Reiterates

International News Service.
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 22.

WILL H. HAYS, "boss of the movies," passing through here today, reiterated his statement that Roscoe Arbuckle should be given an opportunity to "come back" in moving pictures, and again declared that Arbuckle was "entitled to his chance the same as every other man."

Hays said he did not know in what capacity Arbuckle would stage his "come back," adding that whether he resumed acting, became director or performed as a water boy, his conduct during the past year merits a chance for him to make good.

BURGLARS LOCK DOG UP AND ROB HOUSE

Escape With \$4,465 and Overlook \$4,000 Worth of Jewelry.

Locking a fox terrier in the basement, robbers last night broke into the home of Joseph Green, poultry dealer, 631 Florida avenue northeast, and escaped with \$4,465 in cash. The intruders overlooked \$4,000 in jewelry.

Discovery of the robbery was made shortly after 10 o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Green returned from a Christmas shopping tour downtown.

Drawers of a bureau and chiffonier were pulled out and their contents scattered over the floor. Chairs and other furniture were upset, indicating the robbers worked in haste.

Green telephoned police headquarters and Detective Sergeants Flaherty and Fowler rushed to the house. No trace of the identity of the thieves was gained.

The police found the letters K. K. K. chalked on the front door of the house, but, as the thieves "jimmied" a rear window, it is not believed the letters were made by anyone connected with the theft.

Detective Burlingame, of the bureau of identification, took finger prints from furniture in the house.

Sees Empty Jails When Fathers Are Sons' Pals

GARY, Ind., Dec. 22.—Parents were advised by Police Chief Forbis, in an address today, that when fathers make themselves "real pals" of their sons, and mothers become genuine companions of their daughters, "you will have a lot of empty jails in the country."

Before prohibition the saloons were blamed for crime and afterward the war was blamed, said the chief. But the police records show only a small percentage of ex-service men have got into trouble since their discharge.

Coue Reaches London On Way to America

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Emile Coue, famous French exponent of the art of curing ills by auto-suggestion, has arrived in London, preparatory to leaving Wednesday for New York aboard the Majestic.

M. Coue will deliver a series of lectures on his mental healing process in the United States.

PARLEY IS WRECKED AS TURKS RENEGE

Financial Accords Are Repudiated and Peace Seems Far Away.

ALL QUESTIONS REOPENED

"Christians Worst Soldiers," Says Moslem in Dispute On Army Problem.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 22.—Under orders from the government at Ankara, the Turks today reneged on all the financial accords, including indemnities, upsetting the whole work of the conference and rendering the conclusion of a peace treaty again hazardous.

NOT TURKS' CHRISTMAS.

Lord Curzon pleaded that "it is the season of good will," but Razi Nur Bey retorted:

"Not in our religion. We do not give Christmas presents."

The biggest row of the day arose over the enrollment of Christians in the Turkish army. The allies demanded exemption, but the Turks refused point blank, asserting that it would be an infringement of their sovereignty.

Delegate Laroche of France proposed that if the Christians were mobilized they should be under Christian officers, to which Razi Nur Bey replied:

"That would be impossible. The Christians proved to be the worst soldiers in the recent conflict."

ALL QUESTIONS REOPENED.

The new Turkish attitude has reopened almost all the questions which it had been thought were settled, including the status of the minorities, and the treatment of foreigners, the capitulations, and the rights of banished Christians to return.

The report that Lord Curzon was ill tonight was denied by a member of the British delegation who declared that the head of the British delegation was "never better in his life."

Harvey's Farewell Kiss To Wife Lasts Minute

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There was no "diplomacy" in Ambassador Harvey's good-bye kiss today to his wife, who sailed today for Madeira on a trip which she hopes will benefit her health.

The kiss lasted a full minute, much to the amusement of the many friends who bid her bon voyage.

The Ambassador leaves for the United States tomorrow on a mysterious mission which Mr. Harvey himself refuses to discuss. He said: "On my return, I may have something to talk about, but not now."

Young Hindu Offers Self as Indian Princes Spurn Chimpanzee Glands

PARIS, Dec. 22.—No common, ordinary chimpanzee glands for two Indian princes who, according to Dr. Serge Voronoff, have just written to him requesting rejuvenation.

"We do not, of course, expect to be treated with monkey glands," the princes state, "and therefore

French Women Declare War On Guillotine

By Universal Service.
PARIS, Dec. 22.

FRANCE may abolish the guillotine.

The League of French Women has started a strong agitation against the "Red Widow," claiming it is a relic of barbarity and unworthy of French culture.

The women are against any form of capital punishment, but say that if the death penalty should be used in preference to the guillotine or hanging.

BURNING OF CHURCH LAID TO KLANSMEN

Catholics of Quebec Blame \$1,000,000 Loss On Organization.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE WASHINGTON HERALD.

QUEBEC, Que., Dec. 22.—Fire which today destroyed the Church of Notre Dame de la Recouvrance and many art treasures was laid by Roman Catholics of the province to the Ku Klux Klan. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

The belief is growing, not only among Roman Catholics, but generally throughout the province that the Klan or some incendiary band hostile to the Church is responsible for the destruction of many religious institutions, beginning with the shrine of Ste. Anne de Baupre, where miracles are said to have been worked. This series of conflagrations included two fires at the Catholic University of Montreal, the ruin of the town of Terrebonne, and the destruction of the monastic church at Oka.

Even tonight the famous basilica was still smoldering, all that was saved from it being the Sacred Host and holy vessels which the cure, Monsignor Lafamme, rescued. Many valuable paintings by LeBrun, Van Dyke and other masters were consumed.

The aged Cardinal Begin, the only cardinal in Canada, is stricken with grief at the loss of his cathedral, which had recently been renovated at a cost of \$100,000.

Mayor Martin, of Montreal, visited the ruins of the basilica. He expressed emphatically the opinion the fire was the result of incendiaryism, and laid the blame at the door of the Ku Klux Klan.

Free State Offers Christmas Amnesty

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—A Christmas amnesty decree was issued by the Free State government this afternoon granting full liberty to all Republican irregulars who lay down their arms and promise to undertake no military service in the future against Free State troops.

ANGRY CITIZENS RISE TO AVENGE KILLINGS LAG AT KLAN'S DOOR

Governor Rushes More Troops to Scene to Prevent Shedding of Blood and Violence

VICTIMS FOUND IN LAKE

Dynamiting Brings Headless Bodies of Two Men, Minus Legs and Arms, to Surface

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 22.—An additional company of State militia was en route to Mer Rouge tonight to reinforce the troops already on the ground as open hostilities were threatened between the Ku Klux Klan and anti-Klan forces over the murder of two men whose headless bodies, their legs and arms missing, were found Friday morning floating on the surface of Lake La Fourche. The Ku Klux supposedly committed the crime.

Feeling among the people of the section is at a fever heat and violence is momentarily expected. Citizens are going armed to the teeth. Hip pockets bulge with revolvers and rifles are slung carelessly over the shoulder. Weapons can be seen protruding from the seats of every passing automobile and wagon along the county roads. Neighbors are eyeing each other.

State investigators reported to the governor today that the section is about equally divided as to the Klan and anti-Klan forces and that the tension between the two is at a breaking point.

LAKE DYNAMITED.

The governor promptly ordered an extra company of militia to the scene to prevent armed warfare between the two camps.

Divers from St. Louis had been searching the depths of the lake for the bodies which were reported to have been tied to iron wagon wheels and thrown into the water after the murder.

The militia guarding the divers was fired upon. Last night a terrific explosion was heard. The dynamites exploded. Their tools were found on the shore, near the ferry landing, this morning. The ferryboat cables had been cut.

The bodies floated on the surface of the water near the landing. The authorities believe the slayers hoped to either blow the remains to pieces or recover the bodies and hide them anew.

The only possibility of identification lay in the belts that remained on both men and the fragments of a pair of blue trousers that clung to the body of one.

J. L. Daniels, the seventy-year-old father of Major Daniels,

UNPLEASANT THINGS are sometimes useful. Wholesale and retail dealers in silverware say that one bright spot in their business, a new "peak," has been the demand for silver hip flasks. Hundreds of thousands have been bought for Christmas presents.

An earnest psychoanalyst and philosopher, Mr. "Bugs" Baer, has calculated that Ku Klux, with their cotton nightshirts and hoods, have increased by 55,000-000 yards the demand for heavy cotton goods.

Wu Ting-Fang said, according

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